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In re Application of	:	<b>OFFICE OF PETITIONS</b>
Mary M. Bendik	:	
Application No. 10/027,879	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filing Date: December 21, 2001	:	UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(B)
Attorney Docket No.: 99-024 CON	:	
Title: DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT	:	
SYSTEMS AND METHODS	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R §1.137(b)<sup>1</sup>, filed June 15, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit the issue and publication fees in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, mailed January 3, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. No extensions of time are permitted for transmitting issue or publication fees<sup>2</sup>. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on April 4, 2006. A notice of abandonment was mailed on June 8, 2006.

With the present petition, Petitioner has submitted the petition fee, the issue fee, the publication fee, and the proper statement

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1 A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) The reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed;
- (2) The petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m);
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional, and;
- (4) Any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

2 See MPEP §710.02(e).

of unintentional delay. It is noted that a terminal disclaimer is not necessary.

Petitioner has met all requirements for a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b). As such, the petition is **GRANTED**. The Office of Patent Publication will be notified of this decision so that the present application can be processed into a patent.

Telephone inquiries regarding *this decision* should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225<sup>3</sup>. All other inquiries concerning examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.



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<sup>3</sup> Petitioner will note that all practice before the Office should be in writing, and the action of the Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. See 37 C.F.R. §1.2. As such, Petitioner is reminded that no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for Petitioner's further action(s).